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In June we have two days to be noted-one day to symbolize courage and bravery and one day to symbolize patriotism.

D-Day, June 6, 1944 has come to be known as a day of something momentous. The D in D-Day stands for Day. It is a code for the day of any important invasion or military operation. It is shorthand used in place of an actual date. It can be used to signify an occasion of great importance in one's life such as marriage. In the history of the United States it was a day that was the beginning of the end of the war against Hitler with the largest amphibious invasion in history. On that day 160,000 Allied troops of the Us, Uk, and Canada stormed the beaches of Normandy. Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword in France. This invasion was the turning point of WWII.

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The war on the beaches lasted until August 30, 1944 and ended with the liberation of France. On D-Day at least 4,000 Allied forces gave their lives to defeat an evil force in the world. When we say D Day, we are recalling a day of great importance.

Called Old Glory or The Stars and Stripes it is the symbol of our patriotism and pride in our country. Flags can be seen flying over government buildings and private homes during the year. Flags are flown half mast to signify the loss of a significant person in our country. Flags are folded into the familiar triangle at the funeral of a deceased veteran and given to the family in honor of his or her service. It is an important symbol of the United States, so important that there is a protocol when displaying or discarding a flag. Flag day on June 14 is not a national holiday but it is a day of importance. What began as thirteen stripes and thirteen stars for thirteen colonies has grown to be thirteen stripes and 50 stars, one for each of the 50 states. It is said that Betsy Ross made the first flag. The design was approved by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Pennsylvania was the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday. States have been added once the state citizens made the decision to become a state. The last state to do so was Hawaii in 1959. We have four major territories who may in the future be candidates to become states and join the union as full participants in our democracy.

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We have our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Monday June 5th please share with friends and family!

MOUNT AIRY
CASINO • RESORT • SPA
presents
Heroes Helping Heroes
Captain & Crew
Golf Tournament
Monday, June 5, 2023

\$150.00 per Golfer - \$600.00 per Team - \$50.00 Lunch/Dinner Buffet only

Morning & Afternoon Session Format
6:30am Registration / 8am Shotgun start
11:30am Registration / 1pm Shotgun start
(Each session will accommodate 100 golfers. Tee Times will be on a first come, first serve basis).
Each session will have a Championship Flight

Registration includes:
Green Fees, The Buffet at Mount Airy,
Footjoy Giveaways, Flight Prizes and
much more.....

Prizes and Silent Auctions will be drawn/awarded after the afternoon session
For more information please call: (570) 961-4380

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All proceeds will benefit the Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center Resident Welfare Fund



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Anthony Matteo-06/02

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Hannah Shiffler-06/13

David Wenzel-06/18

Richard Green-06/19

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Robert Reardon-06/22

John Dinofrio-06/24

Thomas Pope-06/24

George Senderling-06/30

FUN FACT



“The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world. Many other sky-high constructions have since dwarfed it, but it’s still an awe-inspiring feature of the New York cityscape” (Washington, 2022).

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The Office of Economic Development of the city of Scranton presented various veterans' organizations with an \$80,000 grant. Mayor Paige Coggetti and the Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center Commandant Vito Ruggiero as pictured above were guest speakers at the check presentation.



MONETARY DONATIONS

\$1,120-Scranton Area Foundation

\$950 Elk Mountain VFW 8488

\$2,500-Plains Polish American Vet.

\$1,500-Pocono Mountains Chapter

ITEM DONATIONS

Abington Heights Civic League-Cards

Carol O'Neil-Corn Hole Set



Thank You!

IN MEMORIAM



\$100-Brenda Fox In Memory of Lawrence Dirscoll



TAPS

The Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following Veteran who recently passed away. Their presence will be greatly missed.



Ronald Maurer-05/08/2023